

1 STATE OF CONNECTICUT

SITING COUNCIL

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ALGONQUIN GAS TRANSMISSION COMPANY * APRIL 11,
2002 *
AND ISLANDER EAST COMPANY, LLC, * (12:30 PM)
APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF *
ENVIRONMENTAL COMPATIBILITY AND PUBLIC *
NEED: * DOCKET NO.
221 *

ALGONQUIN GAS TRANSMISSION CO., PROPOSES *
TO CONSTRUCT A NEW GAS COMPRESSOR STATION * NEAR EAST
JOHNSON AVENUE, ROUTE 10 AND *
INTERSTATE 691 IN CHESHIRE, AND TEST AND * UPGRADE
ITS EXISTING NATURAL GAS PIPELINE * FACILITIES IN
CHESHIRE, WALLINGFORD AND *
NORTH HAVEN *

- AND -

EAST COMPANY, LLC, PROPOSES TO *
CONSTRUCT A NEW METER STATION AT 67 *
LAYDON AVENUE IN NORTH HAVEN AND A *
24-INCH DIAMETER NATURAL GAS PIPELINE AND *
ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT FROM NORTH HAVEN *
THROUGH EAST HAVEN, NORTH BRANFORD, *
BRANFORD, AND ACROSS LONG ISLAND SOUND *
TO LONG ISLAND, NEW YORK *

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BEFORE: MORTIMER A. GELSTON, CHAIRMAN

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1 Verbatim proceedings of a hearing
2 before the State of Connecticut Siting Council in the
3 matter of Algonquin Gas Transmission Company and
4 Islander East Company, LLC for a Certificate of
5 Environmental Compatibility and Public Need, held at
6 Central Connecticut State University, Institute of
7 Industrial and Engineering Technologies, on April 11,
8 2002 at 12:30 PM, at which time the parties were
9 represented as hereinbefore set forth

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12 CHAIRMAN MORTIMER A. GELSTON: Ladies
13 and Gentlemen, this hearing is called to order this day
14 on Thursday, April 11, 2002 at 12:30 p.m.

15 My name is Mortimer A. Gelston and I'm
16 Chairman of the Connecticut Siting Council. Other
17 members of the Council here today are Brian Emerick,
18 designee for Commissioner Rocque, Department of
19 Environmental Protection; Gerald F. Heffernan, designee
20 for Commissioner Downes, Department of Public Utility
21 Control; Edward S. Wilensky; Brian O'Neill; Daniel P.
22 Lynch, Jr.; Philip T. Ashton; Colin C. Tait; and Pamela
23 B. Katz. Members of the staff here today are S. Derek
24 Phelps, our Executive Director; Paul M. Aresta, who is

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1 MR. HAIR: No, that -- that refers to
2 the containment of the drilling fluid at the exit point
3 on the seafloor

4 MS. GILSON: Right.

5 MR. HAIR: and that has not been
6 required on past projects. So that is a new
7 requirement. And we have -- as we work through how to
8 do it, we develop different concepts and discussed what
9 the success might be. I came up with the 60 percent
10 estimate because I'm a conservative engineer and I like
11 to look at the worse case. In point of fact, we've
12 been directed by Duke to develop the concepts to
13 contain all of the mud during reaming, and I think we
14 can do that successfully. So that I think our numbers
15 would be a lot lower than what we have presented in
16 earlier submissions

17 MS. GILSON: And you will present that
18 information to FERC as well so that their environmental
19 impact analysis will consider it?

20 MR. HAIR: Yes

21 MS. GILSON: Uh

22 MR. ASHTON: Excuse me, Miss Gilson.
23 Just so that I'm clear, what is this mud that we're
24 talking about? This isn't fluoro trichlorethylene --